Nos. 98 to 101 by Mr. Gause Sheriff (Merchant, R. M. from Shimga Taluk.)

Nos. 102 to 106 by Mr. Hutcha Rao (R. M. from Honnali Municipality.)

Nos. 107 to 110 by Mr. Nyamti Sarvottama Rao (Land-holder, R. M. from Honnali Taluk.)

Nos. 111 to 119 by Mr. Channagiri Malhari Rao (R. M. from Shimoga Municipality.)

Nos. 120 to 123 by Mr. Ayanur Pandurangappa (Shanbhog, R. M. from Kumsi Municipality.)

Nos. 124 to 127, Public Works suggested by Members.

Subject No. 63.

Treatment of the Maganis of Tavanandi and Andagi in the Sorab Taluk, as Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—The Maganis of Tavanandi and Andagi in the Sorab Taluk which were classed as Malnad for Forest purposes up to last year, have now been classed as Maidan. They should be classed as Malnad as before.

[*Note.*—The Deputy Commissioner remarked that under Raiyats' Privilege Rules of 1891, published under Government Notification No. 281, the Maganis of Andagi, Udri and 34 villages of Tavanandi were being treated as Malnad for Forest purposes, but that in the list appended to the Revised Rules of December 1892, published in Notification No. 9837—R. F. 226-92, these have been omitted, and that a reference had been made on the subject.]

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner supports the application. He will be directed to submit draft of the alterations necessary to give effect to it.

Subject No. 64.

Enhancement of Potgi allowance to Shanbhogs and Patels.

Summary of discussion.—At the Pakka Potgi settlement, Shanbhogs' and Patels' charges were so constituted as to give in many instances to the officiator a Remuneration of only Rs. 8 or 10; Rs. 10 or even Rs. 20 per annum would not be sufficient for the maintenance of the official. The Circles must be re-arranged so as to give Rs. 15 a month for the livelihood of the officiator.

Dewan's reply.—There are fixed rules on the subject sufficiently meeting the purpose advocated and laid down after full consideration.

Subject No. 65.

Residence of Shanbhogs within their Circles.

Summary of discussion.—Last year, representation was made to the effect that Shanbhogs had been ordered to reside in their Firkas and that the order caused much inconvenience in Malnad villages. This matter is noted in Subject No. 135 of 1892. No orders having as yet been issued, the inconvenience complained of still exists.

[*Note.*—The Deputy Commissioner remarked that this rule was not being enforced so as to cause hardship. The Representative Member adduced the two instances of Shan-

bhogs, Sagar Taluk Kalvi Shamanna and Sorab Taluk Puttappa.]

Dewan's reply.—Public interests require the Shanbhog to reside in some village within his Firka.

Subject No. 66.

Free grant of Matti, Tadasalu and Bilwara trees for agricultural implements.

Summary of discussion.—Representation has often been made that Matti, Tadasalu and Bilwara trees are very useful for agricultural implements in Malnad Taluks. Malnad raiyats should be allowed to take them accordingly. They are so necessary, that raiyats break the rule and local officials wink at such breach. Why not favor a concession?

[*Note.*—The Deputy Commissioner remarked that the Dewan, in his reply to this subject, had stated that Matti belonged to the reserved class and Tadasalu and Bilwara had been classified under Class II and that they could not be allowed to be cut free of seigniorage. The new Rules have reduced the list of classified wood by transfer of one kind from 1st to the 2nd Class and 10 kinds from the 2nd Class to Jungle-wood. This was itself a great relief.]

Dewan's reply.—The present arrangement cannot well be changed.

Subject No. 67.

Levy of Mohatarfa tax on house and not on profession.

Summary of discussion.—It is noted in Subject No. 118 of 1892, that Mohatarfa house tax is payable on the house and not on the profession carried on in it. This rule is not enforced and new taxes have been imposed this year on the same person on different accounts. These taxes should be remitted.

[*Note.*—The Deputy Commissioner explained that taxes on houses and shops always existed and that there was no separate profession tax levied. In fixing house tax, the tax on the shop attached to the house is considered and the necessary concession is made. A pure shop with no house or dwelling pays shop tax only.]

Dewan's reply.—No new tax is imposed, nor an unauthorised rate adopted. Existing taxes and rates have been revised as a general measure. Such general revision called for by the lapse of a long time since the last revision and by the demands of Municipalities for more funds, cannot be reasonably objected to. Individual cases of hardship should form the subject of separate representation.

Subject No. 68.

Early introduction of the Local Fund Regulation.

Summary of discussion.—The proposed Local Fund Regulation has been very long under consideration. It should be passed early. Useful Public Works are not promptly carried out.

Dewan's reply.—The proposed Regulation is still under consideration.